

Iowa supports the first proposal in FHWA Docket No. FHWA-2001-10370 increasing the distance that width exclusive devices could project from the side of a commercial vehicle from three to four inches.

Over 95 percent of the primary and secondary roads in Iowa are either 11 or 12 feet in width. Vehicles that are 102 inches wide with a four-inch overhang on both sides would total 9 feet 2 inches. An 11-foot lane would allow a space of 11 inches on either side of the vehicle. A 12-foot lane would allow 17 inches on both sides of the vehicle.

Iowa also supports the second proposal allowing recreational vehicles the same width provision as commercial vehicles. We also support the removal of recreational vehicles from the definition of "Commercial Motor Vehicle" for width provisions.